



January 2025 NEWSLETTER

Administrative Team Message

Welcome to 2025 Captains! We hope that everyone was able to enjoy some rest and relaxation this holiday break. We look forward to seeing all the great things 2025 will bring here at Kettle Creek PS.

January is an exciting month for our Grade 8 students who will be choosing their courses for Grade 9. Information has been shared with Grade 8 families regarding this process. We will also be welcoming new Kindergarten registrations this month. Exciting times indeed.

Even with the arrival of January, we are not always guaranteed to have snow, which leaves our yard quite muddy at times. Because of the mud/snow/rain combination that occurs, we request that indoor shoes be utilized to ensure students have clean shoes for inside and in gym class. As we adjust to the winter weather, please ensure that your student is dressed appropriately for the day. Hats, mittens, scarves, boots, etc. are encouraged for all grades. Recess times can seem very long if you're not dressed for the weather. Also, due to the muddy nature of our yard, please send an extra set of clothes to school – we have had many instances of muddy clothes and requests for calls home.

As we continue throughout the colder months of the year, we continue to experience a number of illnesses and sick children. If your child is unwell, please keep them home until they are feeling better. The public health unit recommends 24 – 48 hours before a return to school. Please help us keep our school community, students and staff, healthy and safe.

Ms. Holborn & Mrs. Ivins

ATHLETICS

Congratulations to our girls' basketball team and their coaches Mr. Roy and Mr. Anderson. After a great season (undefeated), they went on to win the Valley Finals – way to go girls!!

Volleyball is underway. The boys' Volleyball team is being coached by Mr. Keays, Ms. Johnson, and Mr. Christian. The girls' volleyball team is coached by Mrs. Kelders and Mr. Roy. We wish both teams a fun and successful season.

Student Information & Attendance

Please ensure that you have signed up for School Cash Online, School Messenger and are able to access your Parent Portal.

Have you moved? New cell number? Landline is gone? Safe contacts to pick up your student have changed? Ensure your Student Information is up to date!

Contact the school office for assistance with these programs at kettlecreek@tvdsb.ca

IMPORTANT DATES!

January 6-31 – High School Registration

January 10 – Sport Day – Spirit Day

January 13-14 – Dental Screening

January 13-31 – Kindergarten registration

January 15 – Welcome Back Luncheon

January 17 – PA Day (no school)

January 24 – Pizza Lunch

January 31 – Pizza Lunch

January 31 – PJ Day – Spirit Day

Field Trip Payments and Permissions

Please note that field trip permission forms and cash online payments **must be returned/submitted by the deadline.**

Students who have not submitted their permission forms and/or have not paid for their trip online, may not be able to attend their trip.

If you are having issues with cash online, please contact the office for support.

Dental Screening

Dental screening helps identify children with dental problems who may need attention from a dentist. A Registered Dental Hygienist from SWPHU will look at the student's teeth using a light and a mirror. Full safety measures will be followed. The following grades will be included this year: **students in JK, SK, Grade 2 and Grade 7 (with additional grades possible) as well as any additional student by parent request.**

DON'T FORGET YOUR SPOONS OR FORKS!

Please remember to pack a spoon/fork in your child's lunch if required. We have many students who are looking for utensils daily to eat their lunch. Thanks!

Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten Registration for September 2025

Thames Valley District School Board is excited to welcome children to Kindergarten in September 2025. Throughout each day in Kindergarten, your child will be involved in spontaneous play as well as more structured play-based learning both indoors and outside. Kindergarten Educator teams provide children with a safe learning environment that meets each child's individual needs and interests. **Registration will take place from Monday, January 13, 2025, to Friday, January 31, 2025.** To be eligible for registration for the Kindergarten program, children must be four years of age by December 31, 2025. To register for Kindergarten, please complete the on-line pre-registration form found on TVDSB'S main webpage (www.tvdsb.ca) under "Parents" and then under "Kindergarten Program". Complete the on-line registration for the Kindergarten program at the designated home English school for the 2025-2026 school year. If you do not have access to technology, please contact the school to complete the paper registration form at the school. We are also excited to share that TVDSB will be hosting a virtual Kindergarten information night for Kindergarten families on January 27, 2025. Stay tuned for further details.

Please contact Mrs. Noble in the school office with any questions.

Gratitude

A heartfelt thank you to our generous community organizations who help to subsidize the cost of our 'Welcome Back' luncheon. We couldn't do it without your support.

POPCORN FRIDAYS

Popcorn will be sold during the nutrition break every Friday

(or Thursday if Friday is a holiday).

A Toonie (\$2) will get you a bag! Delicious Butter & Salt, Dill Pickle, White Cheddar, Plain or Sweet & Salty flavours are available.

Proceeds go directly to our Athletics Department